



How To Get Your Passion Back | Ronnie Johnson | 9.26.21  
Weekly Study

START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

**What is bringing you “life” during this season?**

SHARE

Welcome back to Group! This week, Ronnie continued our series “Vantage Point.” He invited us into his story that he recently has walked through by challenging us to ask many questions he asked himself. But before we dive in, we know that there is power in our stories, choose one or two people from your group to share their story using the following questions as prompts.

- 1. Tell me about your upbringing. What are a few of the significant life events that shaped and molded you?**
- 2. Have you ever had a moment where you realized God is real and loves you? If so, tell us about it.**
- 3. How have you changed in the last five years?**

GROW

**Read Matthew 11:28-30 (msg)**

*“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”*

**What is the invitation in this Scripture?**

**How did God reveal his character in these verses?**

**What is the promise?**

As Ronnie invited us in a bit closer this week, he talked about God given passions and how those passions can get misplaced into other things while losing heart and desire. But we can get them back! You may find that you are paralyzed by what it takes to get the passion back and resolve to setting up camp instead of leaning into the promises of God and overcoming the mountain. This world is filled with hard things and more often than not we find ourselves tired, burnt out and even at a place without hope but this is when we need to move into the invitation that is always available to us by our Father, coming to him and staying awhile. Believing in the many promises and that he promises to “restore to us the joy of our salvation” (Psalm 51:12).

**Think back to when you began following Christ. Describe that experience and the joy that you may have felt in those early days.**

Paul warns us in Galatians 6:9, “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Our life can be filled with *doing* really good things that can leave us feeling tired and weary. We know that the remedy to this is to simply just *be* with the Creator of the Universe, the One who knows you by name and has a purpose for you in his Kingdom.

**Have you ever been in place in life that you are doing really good things yet are left feeling tired? Weary? Or even hopeless? Are there some really tough things in your life that are leaving you/have left you feeling this same way?**

**This week make time to quiet all things around you and just “be” in his presence. Go on a walk, drive in silence, get up early. Let us accept the invitation to rest, be with God and watch how our vantage point shifts.**

## MOVE

### Read Joshua 14:6-12

#### Where do you see God in this story?

We are all given passions and desires for the purpose of God's kingdom here on Earth. As Ronnie shared this weekend, something will have our "whole heart." We read in this story, that Joshua held tight to God's promises of what was to come and because Joshua knew God to be a promise keeper, he followed him "whole heartedly." He knew God would come through and would help him at each step along the way.

#### Where in your life have you seen God help you? How has this strengthened your faith?

#### What of God's promises are you holding on tightly?

We live in a fast pace, non-stop, "go" culture with everything at our fingertips. The things of this world are wooing us from left and right, stealing our affections from God who created us to love him, "with all (our) heart, with all (our) soul, with all (our) strength, and with all (our) mind..." (Luke 10:27). God's purpose for our lives is to know him and make him known. We must whole heartedly stand on God's promises as we "go and make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19). This will change the world!

#### Where do you see in culture wooing you and stealing your affections?

Where do you need to take back your life to be able to whole heartedly live this life that God has purposed for you?

#### This Weeks Challenge:

- Write down three promises and post them where you will see them daily. Declare them over your life and ask God to help you wholeheartedly believe them.
- Put into daily practice by positioning our hearts with three things:

1. Thank God (grounded in gratitude)
2. Pray (focused on people)
3. Declarations (based on God's Word and his promises)

## P R A Y

We need prayer now more than ever. Spend some time-sharing prayer requests. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking off into two separate groups (or calls if you are an online group) to share more freely.

## T O G O

*They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony...  
-Revelation 12:11*